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May 9, 2013



Howe Founders Day



HUMOR



Austin College Spring Choral Concert is Saturday Evening

SHERMAN, TEXAS-The Austin College Department of Music will present a spring choral concert Saturday, May 11, at 7:30 pm in Wynne Chapel, featuring the Austin College A Cappella Choir, the Austin College Chorale, the Quartette, and the Consort. The concert is free and open to the public.

This final concert of the 2012-2013 academic year will be a "Pops Concert," featuring Broadway, television, and movie music including choruses and solos from *Les Miserables*, *Beauty and the Beast*, the *Hunger Games*, *Carousel*, *My Fair Lady*, *The Little Mermaid*, and *Working Girl*. Other selections will include vocal jazz, college a cappella, and spirituals.

The choirs and featured soloists will be accompanied in some instances by Austin College music faculty Daniel Dominick and John McGinn. The concert and choirs are under the direction of Wayne Crannell, Austin College Director of vocal/choral music.

The Austin College Department of Music has a long tradition of choral performance, beginning with the A Cappella Choir. A select ensemble, the Choir performs in sacred and secular settings for the Austin College community as well as in regular concert tours throughout Texas, the United States, and the world. The Choir is dedicated to exceptional choral singing in all styles and encompasses students of all academic disciplines and includes freshmen to seniors.

*Austin College is a leading national independent liberal arts college located north of Dallas in Sherman, Texas. Founded in 1849, making it the oldest institution of higher education in Texas operating under original charter and name, the College is related by covenant to the Presbyterian Church (USA). Recognized nationally for academic excellence in the areas of international education, pre-professional training, and leadership studies, Austin College is one of 40 schools profiled in Loren Pope's influential book *Colleges That Change Lives* <<http://www.ctcl.org/>>.*



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Howe's That Recipe



by Lana Rideout

Fashion has changed over the centuries. My grandmothers were born in the late 1800 hundreds. These ladies never wore "pants" since that was deemed to be men's wear.

When I was young, the hems of ladies dresses began to get shorter and shorter even more as the 20th century progressed across the decades.

My mother's mother was over 90 years old when she died. I think she wore pants suits several times, but I think she did not like it very much.

Some ladies today wear clothes with higher and higher hems.

Caramel Apple Bars

For Crust and Topping: 1 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
1/4 cup shortening
1-3/4 cups flour
1 cup quick-cooking oats
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking soda

For Apple Filling: For the crust and topping, beat the brown sugar, butter and shortening in a mixing bowl until creamy. Add the flour, oats, salt and baking soda. Beat until mixed. Reserve 2 cups of the oat mixture. Pat the remaining oat mixture over the bottom of an ungreased 9x13-inch baking pan.

For the filling, toss the apples with the flour in a bowl.

Sprinkle the apples over the prepared layer. Heat the caramels in a small saucepan over low heat until melted, stirring frequently. Drizzle the caramel over the apples and sprinkle with the reserved oat mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes or until brown and bubbly. Cool in the pan on a wire rack. Cut into bars.

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Food for thought

By Jessica Domel

I've decided, after much consideration, that food has the ability to bring families, friends and foes together, brighten someone's day and sustain our lives. That's a pretty big responsibility for anyone or anything.

The healing power of food stuck in my mind as I was thinking about a friend of mine who is going through a pretty difficult time. I was dwelling on my lengthy list of things to do when I saw a note on Facebook about her troubles.

In that instant, my to-do list faded to the background and I began to contemplate how I could best get a casserole or plate of cookies to her home. We live hours away from each other, and while I can't be there for her in person, I knew that a plate of my chocolate chip cookies or my King Ranch Chicken casserole would let her know I'm there.

Food can have such power in our lives.

When I was younger, my father used to carry several boxes of donuts in his truck. I always thought he just had one heck of a sweet tooth, but as it turns out, he carried them so he could hand them out to the people working at the dairies he visited while making his rounds in Erath County to pick up cattle.

He later explained to me that dairymen get up early and work hard and that something as small as a donut could serve as a beacon of friendship while also providing a little pick-me-up.

It's genius really.

I've found that food, too, brings people together in other ways. When I was living on our family farm, it was my grandmother's dining room table that brought the men in from the fields and the kids from whatever we were doing at the time. Whether or not we were aggravated at each other, tired from school or just plain stinky from a day spent on a tractor, that wooden table and the homemade goods on it made us forget our worries.

I say all of this because I know that some days in the rush of getting to and from work and taking care of our families we forget that the tie that binds us wouldn't be possible if it weren't for the men and women who are sweating it out in fields and pastures across our great state.

It's not an easy job, but I sure appreciate it. How about you?

TxDOT REMINDS DRIVERS, PASSENGERS TO CLICK IT OR TICKET TO SAVE LIVES

Awareness of seat belts and risks of not wearing them play critical role in saving lives

AUSTIN — Texans wear their belt buckles with a certain Lone Star pride, but it's the buckles in their vehicles that could save their lives. More functional than fashionable, life-saving seat belts first debuted 45 years ago when Lyndon B. Johnson's National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act and The Highway Safety Act went into effect, mandating that all automobiles have seat belts as a standard feature. To honor President Johnson's pioneering dedication to safety, the Texas Department of Transportation today launched its 12th annual Click It or Ticket campaign at the LBJ Library in Austin with a car show demonstrating the progression of seat belts through the ages.

"The cost of not wearing seat belts is far greater than a ticket or fine," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT executive director. "Simply put, a seat belt could save your life. Public awareness is working, but we still see some teenagers, pickup truck passengers and rural Texans who aren't buckling up."

Taking a cue from LBJ's leadership, Texas has made seat belt safety a major priority and is proud to be one of the most buckled up states in the union. When the Click It or Ticket campaign began in 2002, only 76 percent of Texans buckled up. Today, 94 percent are wearing seat belts. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates the Click It or Ticket campaign has saved nearly 3,700 lives and prevented more than 50,000 serious injuries since its launch. The increase in seat belt usage also has saved an estimated \$10 billion in wages and productivity losses, medical expenses, insurance premiums, taxes and other costs.

Despite an increase in seat belt compliance, there is more work to be done with the lives of Texans at stake. Initial TxDOT data from 2012 indicates traffic-related fatalities in Texas are up by 11 percent. In 2012, there were 3,400 fatalities due to traffic crashes across the state.

Data also shows that only 82 percent of pickup passengers are buckled when riding compared to more than 91 percent of passengers riding in cars. Pickups also are more likely than passenger cars to roll over or eject unrestrained occupants in a crash.

As part of the Click It or Ticket initiative, law enforcement officials across the state will be looking for and ticketing unbuckled drivers and passengers in an effort to raise safety awareness and prevent fatalities. By Texas law, all occupants of a vehicle, including back seat passengers, must wear a seat belt. Each unbuckled occupant faces a ticket and fines up to \$200, plus court costs. Last year, more than 21,200 seat belt citations were issued during the Click It or Ticket campaign.

This year's Click It or Ticket enforcement period dates are May 20th-June 2nd.

Learn more about Click It or Ticket by liking the TxDOT Facebook page at www.facebook.com/txdot or visiting www.texasclickitorticket.com.

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Reflections in a Rain Puddle

By Si Cook, TFB Organization Director

I was in South Texas the last weekend in April trying to accomplish a week's worth of ranch work in one day. On Saturday, my time was cut short by a strange and wonderful event—a three-and-a-half inch rain!

The rain started late in the afternoon and came down just the way you want it to—heavy, steady and without any hail or damaging winds. It was also punctuated with occasional rolling thunder—just to remind us all of who is really in charge! About 30 minutes after it started, I did something I rarely do—I sat down and just watched! I did this from under a tin roof which, as all country folks know, is the very best way to get maximum enjoyment out of good rain. As I sat there and enjoyed the end of the day, I started to think and reflect—which will often happen if we just take the time to do it.

The first thing that got me thinking was that several good friends from different parts of the state dinged me via email and text asking if I was receiving rain. They all have weather radar on their phones and keep up with it! I promptly reported and, even though they were not getting a drop, expressed their approval of my good fortune. There was no jealousy or resentment that I was being blessed as they were being denied—just genuine pleasure for me and the knowledge that their time would come—and I would be pleased for them when it did. The agriculture community is like that. We enjoy the good fortune of others and rest assured in the knowledge that our time will come.

The second thing that I pondered that afternoon was the need for, and gift of, patience (of which my wife tells me I have none!). In this world of instant gratification it, waiting patiently for something, is a lost art. In the case of a good rain however, none of us has a choice. All the fretting, hand wringing, pacing and impatience in the world will not bring a good rain one day closer. Having to wait also makes you appreciate something even more when it does come. People in agriculture understand this better than most. I challenge you to name anything that is more appreciated and relished in farm and ranch country than a good rain after a long dry spell.

The rain provided a long overdue opportunity to stop and think about important things. Good friends who share the joy of your good fortune. Good people who patiently and confidently wait for things they need that are completely out of their control. These are the characteristics of agriculture and the people who make their living from it. The rest of the population could learn a lot from under a tin roof in a good rain.

Visit the Texas Farm Bureau website at www.texasfarmbureau.org.

Texas Railroad Commissioner David Porter Named “Man Of the Year”

HOUSTON - Texas Railroad Commissioner David Porter was awarded “Man of the Year” last week by The Oil & Gas Year, a leading industry publication and comprehensive business guide, in recognition of his leading role in the responsible development of the Eagle Ford Shale.

The Eagle Ford Shale located in South Texas has played a strong part in the resurgence of U.S. oil and gas production.

“Since taking office in 2011, I recognized that the Eagle Ford Shale had the potential to be the single most significant economic development in our state’s history,” Commissioner Porter said. “I knew from early on that the only way to ensure the proper development of this region was through stakeholder involvement, and I am honored to be recognized for my efforts.”

Wildcat International Publishing officially launched the edition, The Oil & Gas Year Eagle Ford Texas 2013, at a ceremony in Houston, at which Commissioner Porter was presented with the award. This is The Oil & Gas Year’s first publication in the United States and explores the technological, commercial and geological trends driving the U.S. energy industry’s renaissance in South Texas.

“The investments being poured into Eagle Ford Shale oil and the new oilfield technologies being applied are on an unprecedented scale,” said Guillaume Doane, Chief Executive Officer of The Oil & Gas Year. “As Texas Railroad Commissioner, David Porter has equipped the Commission to respond to this massive development and defend the state’s right to regulate the oil industry effectively. Our research shows overwhelming support for the Railroad Commission’s handling of the Eagle Ford Shale play.”

Commissioner Porter was acknowledged largely for the creation and his leadership of the Eagle Ford Shale Task Force, a diverse group of 24 members representing various interests and areas of expertise, including community leaders and local elected officials, water representatives, oil and gas companies, pipeline companies, and landowner and environmental interests. The Task Force met monthly over the course of a year and a half to discuss issues arising from the rapid development in the region.

“Commissioner Porter is a visionary leader who obviously knew the importance of the participation and input that was necessary from the many different players that this industry affects,” said Leodoro Martinez, Jr., Executive Director of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council, Chairman of the Eagle Ford Shale Consortium, and member of Commissioner Porter’s Eagle Ford Shale Task Force. “His initiative to put the Task Force together and lead it to its success are to be highly commended.”

Other 2013 editions of The Oil & Gas Year feature Ecuador, Peru, Indonesia and Malaysia.

David J. Porter was elected to the Texas Railroad Commission on November 2, 2010. A Certified Public Accountant and successful small business owner, Commissioner Porter has worked with oil and gas producers for nearly three decades providing strategic financial advice and tax counsel. He has a long record of pro-business, free market, conservative credentials.



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Whitesboro Tennis Camps

Get your rackets ready! The Whitesboro Parks and Recreation Department will co-sponsor a tennis camp with the WISD Tennis Program and Coach Vince Sharp. The date for the camp will be June 3 - 7. Children ages 6-10 will meet from 8 to 10 am, and ages 11 to 14 will meet from 10:15 to 12:15 pm. The camps will be held at the Hayes Primary School Tennis Courts at 115 Fourth Street.

The fees for each camp will be as follows: 1 child--\$60, 2 children--\$85, 3 children--\$110. The cost of the camp will include professional instruction, certificates, and camp t-shirts. Enrollment is limited to the first 25 students in each age division. Please register at the PARD office at 400 Wilson Street in Whitesboro.

More info about this and other PARD programs may be found at their website, www.whitesborotexas.com/pard. The camp registration form can be found at this site. You may also call the PARD at 903.564.5964 for more information.



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Psalm 2:1-12 (KJV)

- 1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*,
- 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.
- 4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.
- 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.
- 6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.
- 7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee.
- 8 Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession.
- 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
- 10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.
- 11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
- 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

Christian Fellowship

David Ellis will be leading worship service this week at A Christian Fellowship in Luella. Each Sunday morning they begin with coffee and doughnut fellowship at 9 am followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30.

The Lord's Supper is offered each Sunday during worship service and dress is casual.

David Ellis also leads praise and worship and is a contemporary style service.

ACF offers a class for the children called Kidz in Da Zone for Jesus and is for kids from 2-10 years of age. They learn Bible verses, play games, have skits and a puppet show.

ACF will have their Vacation Bible School the week of July 22-26. This year's theme will be "You Gotta Move" by Go Fish. The ages will be kindergarten-5th grade.

Wednesday nights begin with a pot-luck dinner at 6:30 pm followed by praise and worship and a devotional.

The church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella. Look for the red brick building with the green metal roof on the hill. The cross will light the way. For more information contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0219 or David Ellis at 903-815-1333.

VBS information:

Church name: A Christian Fellowship
VBS Theme: You Gotta Move
Date and Time: July 22-26 @ 6:30-8:30 pm
Ages: kindergarten-5th grade
Address of church: 150 Fellowship Lane, Hwy 11 Luella (I believe it's a Sherman address though)
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Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. Services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10 with congregational singing. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord's Supper is given each Sunday. Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX.

We have radio programs each Sunday at 7:30am on KFYN 1420AM and KFYZ 93.5FM. The lessons are brought by A.C. Quinn. Also there are two other programs; the North Side church of Christ is on at 8:00am, and Leonard church of Christ is on at 8:30am both on KFYN 1420 AM.

The Gospel of Christ news letter can be found at <http://www.thegospelofchrist.com/newsletter>. Their television program comes on CBS at 7:30am.

"A Woman's Choice" a WEB video concerning a woman's pregnancy can be seen on www.PregnancyDecisions.org.



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Duane Peters,
903-815-2278

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Rev. Mack Rogers

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Arnold Baker, pastor



Will God Forget Your Children?

By Willie Sofey

“Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children” (Hosea 4:6).

Material prosperity and spiritual bankruptcy were the characteristics of Israel when Hosea began his ministry in 755 B.C. God’s judgment seemed remote but came in 722 B.C., when the capital of Israel (Samaria) fell and the people were deported.

Israel’s sins were similar to pagan nations, infant sacrifices, practices of sodomy, adultery, murder, stealing, lying, cursing, temple prostitution; “breaking all bonds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed” (Hosea 4:2; 13:2; 5:3; 11:8).

Israel was making alliances with Egypt and Assyria (modern day Germany), to no avail and would add to more of God’s judgment.

Hosea’s ministry lasted approximately 50 years (a generation). The children of that generation experienced condemnation as a result of the disobedience of their fathers and mothers.

“Because you have rejected knowledge (God’s), I also reject you, because you have forgotten the law of your God, I will forget your children” (Hosea 4:6).

“The people, have “rebelled against my law”, and “set up kings without my consent”, and “chosen princes without my approval” (Hosea 8:1-4). These kings and princes had legislated ungodly laws and the people approved and practiced these laws.

God allowed foreign terrorists to terrorize and conquer Israel as judgment for its national sins.

Are you starting to see a similarity of ancient Israel’s disobedience to that of America and the rest of the civilized western world? “Gilead is a city of wicked men with footprints of blood” (Hosea 6:8). What about all the blood stained walls, floor and footprints in those legalized murderous death chambers called “Planned Parenthood” abortion clinics. Dr. Gosnell and those like him will face eternal hell and damnation for the spilt blood of these innocent, and for that matter, every person that condones this murderous sin by voting for “kings and princes” of America that

legislate ungodly laws will suffer the same judgment.

Professing Christians who remain complicit about these sinful laws of murder, etc., without speaking out (“sounding a trumpet”) are considered accomplices in God’s eyes. (Hosea 8:1).

Many innocent youth have fallen in America at the hands of “terrorists” of foreign anti-God ideologists similar to ancient Israel.

“Even if they rear children, I will bereave them of everyone”, even so “Ephraim will bring out their children to the slayer”... “I will give them wombs that miscarry”, “Even if they bear children, I will slay their cherished offspring” (Hosea 9:12-16).

Yes, God’s Word is for all peoples and nations, and remember the Apostle Paul’s words after Christ’s visit to planet earth.

God’s warning to all peoples and nations till Christ returns to planet Earth to set up His millennium kingdom... “Now all these things happened to them (Israel) as examples and they were written (history of blessings and curses of the chosen nation of Israel – my add); for our admonition (warning), upon whom the ends of the ages have come” (1Cor. 10:11).

God’s people should “put the trumpet to your lips!” (Hosea 8:1), and speak the warnings of God to a dying nation (America) and the world for that matter for the atrocious sins being committed and the coming judgment upon this violent world.

Each one of these murdered children’s souls (in or out of the womb) is worth more than the heavens and earth and all its riches.

“The day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar, elements will be destroyed... the earth and everything in it will be laid bare” (2Peter 3:10-13).

Every one of those murdered innocent children will live for eternity with Jesus on “a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness” (minus those unrighteous murderers and those that condone murder – my add) (2Peter 3:13).

Lamenting daily from the heart for the forgotten children,
Willie Sofey



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Texoma Enterprise is owned and operated by Dale and Lana Rideout. They have been doing this since 1978. The picture on the left is about 5 years old, with Dale shown as "Santa" Rideout at Christmas, 2009. The family shot on the right includes all our grandchildren, plus a couple of Step-grandchildren. It was taken at Elves Christmas Tree Farm. This farm opened to the public in 1990 when Jordan was only 2 months old and he went there with us. Every year since we have taken every grandchild with us. This year was our 20 year to take all our grandchildren to the farm.



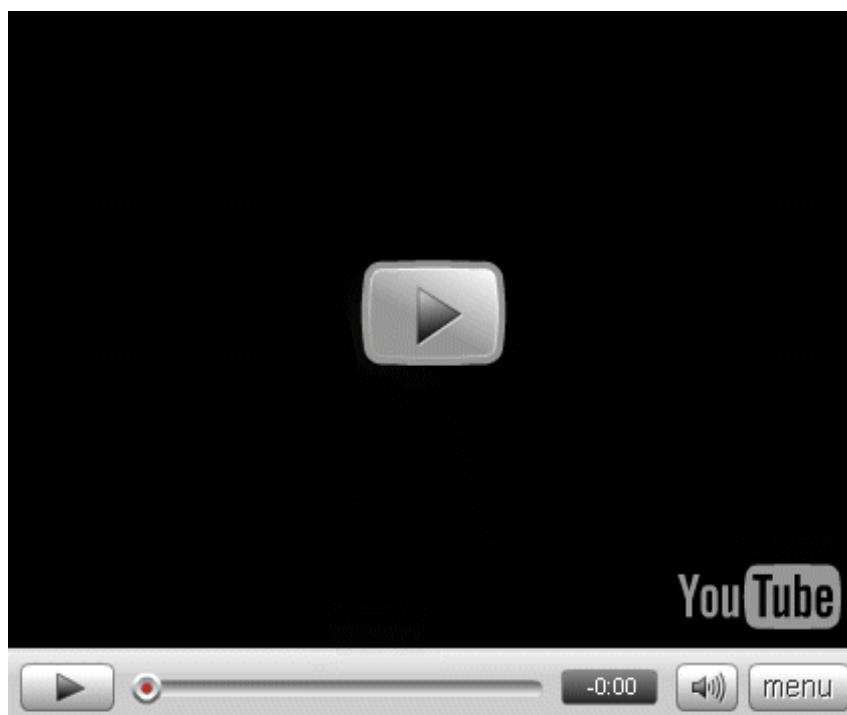
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Lana, Dominique, Rachel, Briana, Amber, "Santa" Jordan, Caleb, Chris



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

Cornyn: Immigration Debate About Deeply Held Values, Respect for the Rule of Law

‘Our conversation about America’s immigration system is, at core, about people’

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) spoke today ahead of Senate Judiciary Committee’s consideration of the immigration reform bill. His full remarks are below:

“Mr. Chairman we obviously all bring our own unique experiences to this discussion, but my congratulations to the Gang of 8 for their constructive work, but now is the time for the other 92 members of the United States Senate to weigh in and I hope we’ll have a process that allows all of us to contribute.

“It’s, I think, notable, that we have 43 new Senators in the Senate since the last time we took up a comprehensive immigration bill in 2007, so there’s a lot of people who know a lot about this topic, and a lot of people who are engaging in this subject perhaps anew.

“People come to America for many different reasons. Of course, as we are sometimes painfully reminded, not everyone comes with good intentions. But the vast majority of immigrants-both legal and illegal-come because they want to make a better life for themselves and their families.

“America is a welcoming nation that rewards hard work and the entrepreneurial spirit. That spirit and work ethic is alive and well in Texas, where we continue to grow the economy and add jobs. In Texas we welcome hard-working people who are willing to take a risk and start a business, people who start with nothing and lift themselves up and help their families live a better life.

“Our conversation about America’s immigration system is, at core, about people-and we must never forget that.

“It’s about the Mexican-American landowners and ranchers in the Rio Grande Valley, many of whom have called the border region their home for generations.

“It’s about the Vietnamese restaurant owner in Houston whose daughter works as a hostess when she’s home from college on break.

“It’s about the Salvadorans working in the kitchen who hope to save up enough money to open their own restaurant someday.

“It’s about the gifted young technologist from China who wants to be the next Michael Dell or Andy Grove.

“It’s about dreams and success stories, but it’s also about heartache and tragedy.

“It’s about the family of illegal immigrants terrorized by violent street gangs, who refuse to call the police out of fear their encounters with law enforcement could lead to their deportation.

“It’s about a young woman from Nicaragua who pays a coyote thousands of dollars to illegally cross the U.S.-Mexico border, only to be exploited as a victim of modern-day slavery.

“These are uncomfortable, and emotional issues but we cannot ignore them. This is a debate that cannot be guided by emotion alone though.

“This debate is about our most deeply-held values. One of those is respect for the rule of law. For too long, our immigration laws have gone unenforced and have been violated with impunity. Our effort to fix the broken immigration system must begin at the border-where we must set objective, realistic goals and then meet those goals.

“But as we all know, we can’t solve the problem just at the border alone. Forty percent of our illegal immigration is the result of people who enter the country legally, but never leave when their visa expires. We had passed a law in 1996 mandating an entry-exit system which has never, ever been implemented. We must provide employers with a straightforward, accurate verification system to determine the legal status of new hires.

“It’s our duty to look carefully at every provision of the bill-and to speak up if we disagree and to offer constructive suggestions to improve it.

“So I anticipate a spirited, civil discussion about the bill. But my constituents at their core are pragmatists. That’s because we live with this issue every day of our lives, because of our 1,200 mile common border with Mexico and the fact that about a third of my constituents and Sen. Cruz’s constituents are Hispanic - who’ve been the benefits of our immigration system and who’ve added immeasurably to our state.

“This legislation makes a number of positive improvements, but there are areas that need to be improved even more. So I look forward to a robust discussion and I trust Mr. Chairman, given the size and the scope of this bill, that you will continue the Committee’s tradition of an open and robust debate. The challenge before us is to get this right and not to simply get it done.”

Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance and Judiciary Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee’s Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

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Cornyn Statement Ahead of President Obama's Texas Trip

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) issued the following statement ahead of President Obama's trip to Texas Thursday:

"I hope the President will come to Texas ready to take a few notes and learn from one of the most successful states in the nation when it comes to job creation and economic growth.

"As the nation's economy continues to remain stagnant, I hope he'll see the power low taxes, reasonable regulations, and a business-friendly environment has in driving a Texas economy that continues to grow and put people to work."

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Cornyn Offers Real Trigger for Border Security to Gang of 8 Bill

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) offered an amendment today to provide a real trigger to ensure border security measures are enforced. Excerpts of his remarks are below:

"Much to my surprise, there's absolutely no trigger in this bill tied to border security, or any metrics, or measuring stick by which we could measure our success in securing the border. And I think it's absolutely critical that we need both of those.

"Drug smugglers and human traffickers don't use E-verify, so we're going to have to stop them through our border strategy. My amendment would plug multiple gaping holes in the border security provisions.

"I think it's more helpful, rather than just thinking about the border, to think about a football field. My amendment would require the DHS to deploy a zone defense that's capable of covering the entire field, from sideline to sideline.

"But my amendment would not just guarantee best wishes and hopes and aspirations, it would actually guarantee results. That's because it would mandate that the Department of Homeland Security achieve operational control of every sector, all 9 sectors of the Southern border, including the apprehension rate of at least 90 percent."

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Senator Craig Estes amends H.B. 5 to provide needed oversight of the use of RFID technology by Texas school districts

Austin - State Senator Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls) successfully amended H.B. 5 to require school districts to receive school board approval prior to using radio frequency information technology (RFID) to track students. The amendment also requires a parental opt-out provision for parents who do not want their children tracked by their school.

RFID is a tracking technology that uses radio waves to identify, track, and monitor physical objects. RFID tags can transmit data silently through the air, unhindered by doors, walls, backpacks, purses, or clothing.

Those opposed to using RFID tags to monitor school children note various concerns about the technology including violation of free speech and association, violation of religious freedom, conditioning children to be tracked and monitored, and invasion of privacy.

"School districts should not use RFID technology without prior approval by the school board and a parental opt-out provision," Senator Estes said. "I don't think schools should track our children at all, but at the very least there should be some community and parental oversight to the process."

In addition to civil liberty concerns, there are also fears that relying on the technology rather than observation would create security risks. For example, a student could be counted as present on campus by virtue of his or her RFID tag, but be miles away before his or her disappearance were noticed. Additionally, while RFID systems may be developed for use in a school, the RFID tags may be read covertly anywhere by anyone with the right reading device.

"School districts using RFID tags to track our children without community or parental supervision is a perfect example of big-government run amuck. It's time for legislators to step in and protect the privacy rights of parents and students," Estes said.

Estes serves nearly 820,000 constituents across Senate District 30 which includes all of Archer, Clay, Cooke, Erath, Grayson, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Wichita, Wise, and Young counties and parts of Collin and Denton counties.

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Securing a Bright Future for Texas

By State Senator Estes

Texas businesses have created more than 500,000 jobs since November 2011. Our economy is growing nearly 50 percent faster than the rest of the country and our cost of living remains low. Things are going well in Texas, and people are noticing. That is why over the next 50 years, the population of our great state is expected to grow by 20 million, from around 26 million today to more than 46 million in 2060. Americans realize they can afford a nice life in Texas and are choosing our state as a place to work, live, and start a family.

While things are going well, challenges lie ahead. Texas highways are too crowded, and our water needs are growing. The average commuter in Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth wasted 52 hours and 45 hours, respectively, stuck in traffic congestion in 2011. The traffic in Austin is so bad, it was recently rated fourth worst in the country by USA Today. As for water, the state has only built 10 new reservoirs in the last 23 years. As things now stand, the transportation and water infrastructure in our state would be hard pressed to handle another 20 million people.

Investing in infrastructure is necessary if we are to have a prosperous future. Texas needs to ensure there are enough safe roads, clean water and good schools. It is important for us to address these challenges because when people move here, the economy grows, jobs are created, and the state prospers. Investing in roads, water, and education is critical to the future of Texas.

Senate Joint Resolution 1 (SJR1) makes that investment and secures a bright future for our state. It puts before the voters a one-time expenditure from the Rainy Day Fund of \$2.9 billion for roads, \$2 billion for water projects and \$800 million for public schools, all while leaving an estimated balance of more than \$6 billion in the fund for the start of the 2015 fiscal year. If approved by voters, SJR1 carefully and conservatively provides for our immediate infrastructure needs without adding any additional debt, without breaking the constitutional spending cap, and without threatening the state's AAA credit rating. In other words, SJR1 takes only what is necessary from the state's savings account to pay for things we absolutely need while leaving a big enough balance to take care of emergencies.

Some may argue we don't need to do anything, but it is not fiscally conservative or realistic to ignore the challenges caused by population growth. Burying our heads in the sand is not an option. Without addressing such basic needs as transportation, water, and education, our economy may stumble. To protect our bright future, we must take action to ensure our infrastructure can accommodate future population and economic growth. SJR1 is not a silver bullet that will solve all our state's problems, but it is an important step to take at this crucial moment. Things are going well right now in Texas, and SJR1 will help make sure it stays that way.

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House Bill 1714 threatens public health, safety as West explosion demonstrates, more – not less – public disclosure is critically needed in Texas

AUSTIN, TX—The Texas House will consider House Bill 1714, a measure that would dramatically reduce the public’s access to information about a company’s environmental compliance record. The Texas League of Conservation Voters is voicing strong opposition to Rep. Wayne Smith’s bill, calling it “a huge step in the wrong direction for Texans concerned about public safety and health.”

“After the tragic events in West, Texas, where 14 first responders perished, a nursing home, three schools and many homes were destroyed, one would hope that Texas lawmakers would be working hard to find ways to protect public health and safety from environmental hazards,” said David Weinberg, Executive Director of the Texas League of Conservation Voters, “Instead, House Bill 1714 would actually reduce or eliminate the public’s access to critical information that can make Texas communities safer.”

House Bill 1714 ends a program at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to inform the public about the environmental compliance records of companies doing business in Texas.

“Over the past decade, TCEQ has provided compliance history information that is used to generate a score for each regulated facility in the state based on the number of violations and severity of those violations,” said Weinberg. “The compliance history is a public report card on regulated companies that, as the disaster in West underscores, is needed now, more than ever.”

The compliance history factors into TCEQ decisions regarding the issuance, renewal, amendment, modification, denial, suspension or revocation of permits, as well as enforcement actions, announced inspections and participation in innovative or voluntary environmental programs.

The bill would also end or limit public hearings on certain permit applications. The TCEQ at a regular meeting could approve an application to renew or amend a permit relating to the discharge of waste or pollutants into or adjacent to water in Texas. The bill would also restrict the evidence of a final determination of noncompliance with federal statutes or statutes of any state concerning solid waste management by an applicant for a solid waste management facility permit that may be offered by a party at a hearing concerning an application.

“Frankly, there’s just no good and justifiable reason to support HB 1714, unless you’re a regulated company looking to hide a poor environmental or safety record from public view,” said Weinberg. “The Texas League of Conservation Voters strongly opposes Rep. Smith’s efforts to roll back common-sense public health and safety measures, along with limiting access to public information.”

The Texas League of Conservation Voters works to preserve and enhance the quality of life of Texans by making conservation a top priority with Texas elected officials, political candidates and voters. Find us online at <http://www.tlcv.org> and follow us on Twitter @tlcv.





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Do-It-Yourself Will Leads to Unwanted Result

If you choose to write your own will, you run the risk of not having your estate distributed the way you want, as a recent Pennsylvania case illustrates.

George Zeevering apparently wanted his estate to go to two of his five children. Instead of seeking out an elder law attorney to advise him on drawing up an estate plan, he decided to write his own will. The will gave his pickup truck to his daughter Diane and his summer property to his son Wayne. Mr. Zeevering also wrote in the will that he was intentionally leaving out his other three children.

The problem with the will was that Mr. Zeevering did not specify what to do with the remainder of his estate (called a "residuary clause"). While Mr. Zeevering probably intended that the rest of his estate – which totaled \$217,000 – would go to his favorite children, he didn't state that in the will. Because the will had no residuary clause, the remainder of Mr. Zeevering's estate passed under the state law that specifies who inherits when there is no will. Under Pennsylvania law, this meant that the rest of Mr. Zeevering's estate would be divided equally between his five children.

A state court confirmed this result, but only after the children had spent much more in attorney fees than their father would have paid a lawyer to have his will done properly. While you may save some money drafting your own will, you are in danger of making mistakes that can cause unneeded conflict and don't get the result you want. Always seek the advice of your elder law attorney before creating an estate plan.



Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



House Debates Firearm Legislation

Saturday, May 4th, the House took up and debated several bills relating to the carrying and use of firearms. My office has received numerous phone calls and emails on some of these bills, and I know that these issues are important to many people in District 62.

In light of the recent Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, reported to be the most deadly shooting at a public elementary school and the second-deadliest school shooting in U.S. history, school safety and the protection of America's children have become critical issues of concern for parents, administrators, lawmakers, and members of the public. In an effort to provide an additional option for protecting students, faculty, and other staff in Texas schools, House Bill 1009 would authorize a school district or open-enrollment charter school to appoint school marshals to prevent or abate the commission of an offense in the event of a life-threatening situation that occurs on school premises. School marshals would be required to successfully complete a rigorous training course administered by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) and required to be certified by TCLEOSE to be eligible for appointment.

Currently, a person seeking to obtain a concealed handgun license to submit two complete sets of legible and classifiable fingerprints taken by a person appropriately trained in recording fingerprints who is employed by a law enforcement agency or a certain designated private entity. Department of Public Safety (DPS) rules require the fingerprints to be taken digitally at an approved facility.

Accordingly, many citizens in rural areas must travel between 60 and 100 miles to reach an approved facility to have fingerprints taken. In an effort to provide an alternative method of fingerprinting to accommodate people who live far from these facilities, H.B. 698 requires DPS to establish procedures for the submission of fingerprints by an applicant for a concealed handgun license who does not reside within a specified distance of a fingerprint processing facility.

H.B. 1076 would create the Texas Firearm Protection Act, which would prohibit any governmental entity within the state from adopting a rule, order, ordinance, or policy under which the entity enforces a federal regulation enacted on or after January 1, 2013 that restricts the possession or use of a firearm, firearm accessory, or firearm ammunition.

Current law makes it an offense for a person to possess or go with a certain weapon, including a concealed handgun, on the premises of a Texas school or institution of higher education. House Bill 972, commonly referred to as the "campus carry" bill, would allow for concealed carry on higher education campuses. As of this writing, the specifics of the bill are being debated by the floor of the house, and several amendments to the bill are being offered.

For more information on these bills or any other matter of state government, please contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by e-mailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us.



Sister Mary Ann

Sister Mary Ann, who worked for a home health agency, was making her rounds. She was visiting homebound patients when she ran out of gas.

As luck would have it, a gas station was just a block away. She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her that the only gas can he owned had been loaned out, but she could wait until it was returned

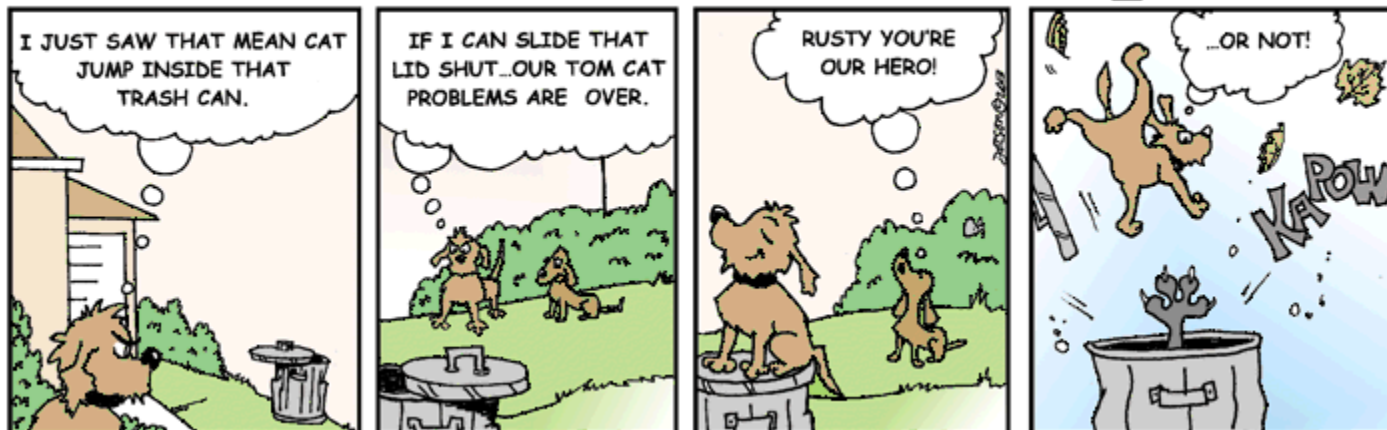
Since Sister Mary Ann was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car. She looked for something in her car that she could fill with gas and spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, Sister Mary Ann carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gasoline, and carried the full bedpan back to her car.

As she was pouring the gas into her tank, two Baptists watched from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said, "If it starts, I'm becoming Catholic."

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[The Handbook of Texas Online](#) is a multidisciplinary encyclopedia of Texas history, geography, and culture sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association and the General Libraries at UT Austin.

[Texas Online](#): The official website for the Great State of Texas and provides instant access to almost 800 state and local government services.

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LET'S REMINISCE: KIDS AND HORSES

By Jerry Lincecum

One of my elderwriters, Patty McMinn of Sadler, read a story to the class recently about horses that were important to her when she was growing up. There was a mare named Comanche Angel and three foals from her. Comanche Star, Patty's gentle favorite, was chocolate brown with a white star on his forehead. Comanche Mist (Misty) was a feisty sorrel filly with black mane and tail. Whickery, a light fawn color with white mane and tail was "the baby."

Patty sums it up by saying "They were hours of fun for my three sisters, myself and several of our cousins and friends." Angel was not happy doing anything more than dutifully walking in a circle as she had been trained, so she continually managed to buck us off, or scrape us off if necessary, if we attempted anything more daring.

One mistake was trying to impress upon Angel where she could find safe haven from the winter weather, in the enclosed shed end of the old barn. The next time they tried to ride her, she promptly returned to the shed, scraping the kids off her back as she entered through the low opening. No amount of rein tugging would persuade her to change direction.

Patty's dad nailed some old tin pots onto a homemade bench to feed them from. She remembers "In the summer, I woke up at first light and hurried out to get their feed poured out before I called them, assuring myself that I wouldn't be stampeded if I had everything ready for them. I braced myself for their thundering approach and when the dust settled, I brushed combed and petted on them. I especially loved the touch of their silky hides and velvety noses. Early morning sunshine spreading aromas of horseflesh and molasses and oats got my days started off with peace and promise."

Her story triggered a strong memory of my own about Old Buck, the first horse I ever rode. Despite his name, Buck was a gentle horse except when he didn't want to be ridden. A five-year-old boy who was thrust on Buck's back at the end of the day, when he had been ridden to a distant pasture and back by my grandfather, was an imposition. Soon I was on the ground with a bloody nose. Having taught me and my grandpa a lesson, Old Buck got the rest and feeding he deserved.

Julie Morris of Whitewright wrote a story entitled "Two Friends Who Never Let Me Down" about two horses she had been given by her grandparents. Blue was of undetermined heritage and she had hooves the size of dinner plates. She could be lured with a feed bucket and then bridled and ridden Indian-style without a saddle. The second horse, named Smokie, was the prettiest horse Julie had ever seen, gray with black mane and tail. Best of all, he had that smooth rolling gait called a single-foot.

Blue and Smokie became inseparable, and during Julie's teen years they were always a welcome respite, like two human friends who understood everything and never interrupted or chastised. I wish more youngsters today could learn to ride and spend time taking care of good horses.

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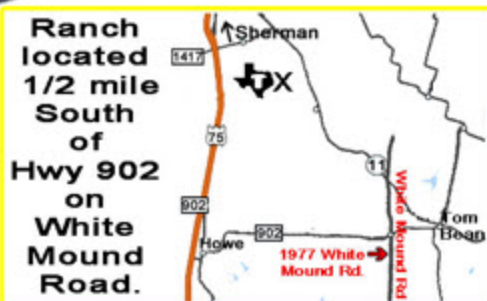
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Dr. John R Brinkley



John R. Brinkley – Millionaire, Mountebank, Medicine Man

by Don Mathis

My dad used to tell me stories about a doctor in the Great Depression who would broadcast his services on the radio. Folks from the Rockies to the Appalachians could pick up his advertisements for live baby chicks – and for goat glands. Thousands of men were swayed by the idea that a gonad graft would improve sexual performance.

Years later, I listened to the Doors' tune, "Texas Radio," as well as the ZZ Top song, "Heard it on the X." These recordings were about XER, the radio transmitter in Acuña, Mexico, that used to broadcast early rock from disc jockeys like Wolfman Jack and others. The beat of rock and roll could be said to improve sexual performance as well.

Then I learned of the connection between the powerful radio station that pushed airwaves from Arkansas to Alberta in the 1930s and laid the Big Beat across America in the 1960s. Laws in Mexico were more lenient than in the U.S in the early days of radio. More wattage could be broadcast. Less content was censored.

The Playhouse in San Pedro Park presents "Roads Courageous" (February 22 – March 17), a musical about the implanter of goat glands and the implementer of electronic media manipulation. John R. Brinkley (born in 1885 in Jackson County, North Carolina, died in 1942 in San Antonio) may be an unusual subject for a song and dance or a comedy/drama, but he was an unusual man.

Dr. Brinkley took advantage of the nebulous distinctions in professional medicine and the advent of electronic technology in the early 20th century. He made his cash registers ring. At a time when distrust in big government was at its highest and faith in corporate power was at its lowest, disapproval from the American Medical Association only strengthened his appeal.

Two reasons the AMA (or the Amateur Meat-cutter's Association, as he liked to call them) considered Dr. Brinkley a quack was for his propensity to prescribe pills over the radio and his collection of kickbacks from participating pharmacies. He had a showmanship that stretched the boundaries of professional decorum. And then there was that goat gland business.

Dr. Brinkley was an astute observer of the human psyche and he knew what people wanted to hear. He perfected the art of stroking the ego of men who had been kicked to the curb by the Great Depression. He offered better health, more energy, and increased libido. His sheer enthusiasm and promises for a better life may have helped many with a placebo effect.

But he did so much more than promote sexual vitality. Dr. Brinkley owned one of the first commercial radio stations in the country. KFKB in Milford, Kansas, broadcast regional weather reports and news of Chicago stocks – and farmers and ranchers turned in. The careers of Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, and Hank Williams were also enhanced from Dr. Brinkley's broadcasts. The doctor even offered college courses over the air. Listeners could get a degree from the Kansas State Agricultural College which was every bit as valid as Dr. Brinkley's own credentials.

When State authorities finally revoked Dr. Brinkley's medical and broadcasting licenses, he ran for governor of Kansas in an effort to restore them. He pioneered the use of radio and aviation to further his political ends. Dr. Brinkley championed a message of the common man. He rejected elitism and embraced rustic values. His political rallies were a mixture of religious revival with a touch of state fair flamboyance. The crowds were huge.

We see a lot of the same attractions in today's political and health-care fields. Some candidates take pride in covert racism and anti-intellectualism. And who hasn't seen the draw for 'alternative health' zealots? A campaign for education reform, assistance to the elderly, a fair tax system, and free health care still holds appeal to a lot of voters.

Although he gathered 240,000 votes, Dr. Brinkley failed in his 1932 election attempt and his attempt to maintain his accreditation in Kansas. By the mid-30s, he was broadcasting again, this time from the powerful XER in Acuña and running a very successful hospital on this side of the river in Del Rio.

Armed with an assortment of eclectic degrees and foreign diplomas from a variety of quasi-medical schools, he attained a level of authenticity. The cost of his goat gland operation increased from \$750 to \$1,500. The signal from his radio station reached all 48 states with enough power left over (as the Chicago Daily News reported) "to light the street lights in Calgary." Whether or not South Texas ranchers could listen to XER on their barbwire fence or screen door, on a clear night the signal could be received in Europe and China.

Times were good. About 4,000 patients a year visited his facility in Del Rio for dysfunction. More visited his hospital for rectal diseases in San Juan, Texas. Dr. Brinkley's goat farm in Oklahoma was doing extremely well. He bought 6,500 acres in North Carolina, a ranch in Texas and opened up two more hospitals in Arkansas. At one time he owned three yachts, a Lockheed Electra airplane, and a dozen Cadillac cars.

It all came crashing down rather quickly. He claimed he was libeled by the editor of an AMA publication but the jury decided in 1939 he had been accurately identified as a charlatan. A 'cut-rate' competitor appeared in Del Rio, siphoning off his customers, some right from his waiting room. Dr. Brinkley filed for bankruptcy after getting hit with several malpractice suits and a government claim for \$200,000 in back taxes.

Then, in 1941, Mexico had to reallocate the wavelength assigned to his radio and the voice of the people's physician was silenced forever. The next year, on a spring day in San Antonio, Dr. Brinkley died from heart disease and complications of a leg amputation brought on by a blood clot.

His house in Del Rio still stands (512 Qualia Drive). Where he lived in San Antonio is a mystery. But for a generation, Dr. Brinkley riveted the imagination with the symbolism of the billy goat and the prowess of Pan.



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Back to Enterprise

In 2005 we began publishing a history magazine about the Texoma area, North Texas and Southern Oklahoma. We continued through 2008 with publication. Many folks really enjoyed our publication so we are now adding it to our Texoma Enterprise website. Our aim is to reprint some of the articles we used in our print issue, but we may add from time to time.

A special thank you goes to Dorothy Fowler and Jerry Lincecum for giving us permission to reprint articles they prepared for the magazine. Also thank you to both of them for their great contributions writing for Texoma Enterprise. They have been doing this for many years.

This section of the website will only be updated every other month or so. We hope you enjoy it.

Dale and Lana Rideout

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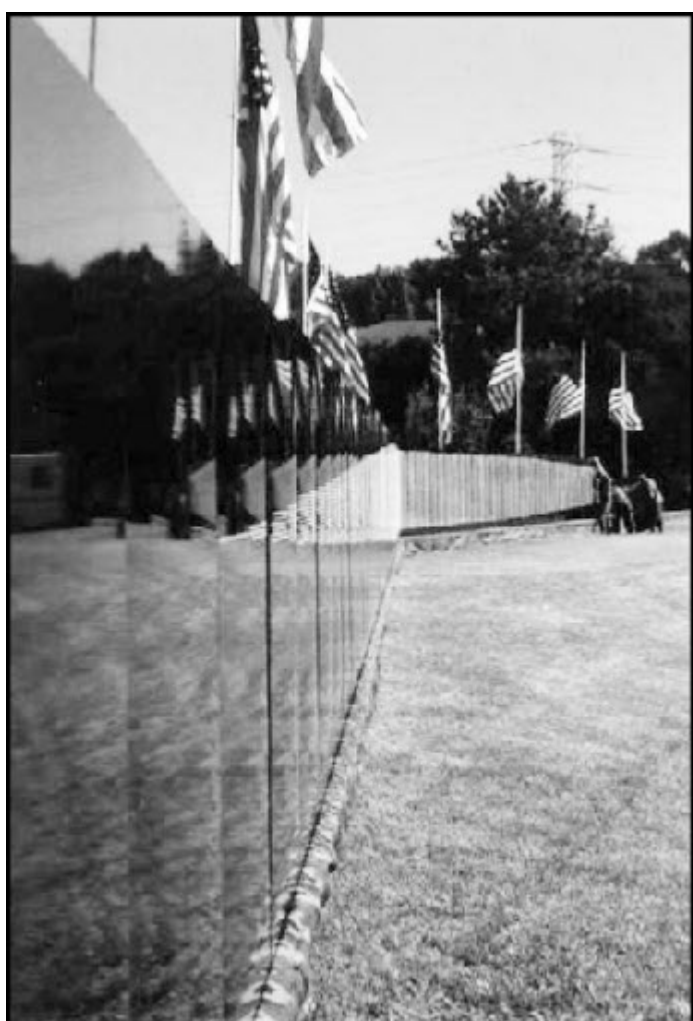
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The Wall, looking East
photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.

Traveling Vietnam War Memorial

by Dorothy N. Fowler

The first time I saw the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., I was with my 80 year-old mother. She broke down and cried as she looked at the wall bearing the names of more than 58,000 dead and missing in action.

"Such a waste," she said through her tears. "Such a waste."

Mama had opposed the war to start with, not because she believed members of the armed services were doing anything wrong, but because she thought the policy behind it was a failed policy and that the United States had no vital national interest there.

When the war began, I was a hawk, but as it dragged on, I wanted nothing so much as to bring home the men and women whose lives were in danger every day in a cause that clearly seemed to be lost as a result of policy failures. I watched helpless every year as some of my brightest and best students were drafted, went to fight, and either came home in military caskets or terribly wounded either in body or spirit.

When I saw the wall for the first time, I visualized a baseball stadium that seats 60,000. I saw it full and then suddenly irrevocably empty. As I walked the length of the wall, seeing the gifts that had been laid beneath some of the names, watching people take rubbings of the names of their children, their friends, their husbands, brothers, sisters, lovers, I too began to cry.

I was not alone. Many of the people who were walking near me were crying. Nothing outside the sudden death of my three-year old granddaughter has ever affected me as much as that first visit to the wall.

It's a fact that the Vietnam War Memorial is the most visited National Park Service Site in Washington, D. C. It's also a fact that most Americans will never get to Washington to see the memorial.

That's why, when the replica of the Vietnam War Memorial comes to Denison on July 22, sponsors will keep the practice field at Denison High School open 24 hours a day for its three day stay.

"We want as many people as possible to be able to visit it," Horace Groff, former Grayson County Judge and one of the organizers of the wall's visit, said. "There is never any charge whatsoever to visitors to the wall."

After his retirement from political life, Groff went to work part-time for Bratcher Funeral Home, which is now part of Dignity Memorial Funeral, Cremation and Cemetery Providers. The company commissioned the traveling replica, which was completed in 1990.

"Sponsors who want the wall to come to their city put their names in and Denison got picked for this summer," Groff said. "Sponsors make contributions and sometimes individuals who visit the wall make contributions to have it come, but the wall is truly a service that the company makes possible."

At 240 feet long and eight feet high, it is sometimes hard to find a place large enough to hold it and the crowds of people who visit it. Security is also a problem. "We needed to have it in a place that was accessible and at the same time secure," Groff said. "The practice field at DHS was the best spot."

Local veterans groups will provide some of the security and other organizations and individuals will also volunteer to be on guard. Opening ceremonies will be July 22 at 9 a.m. at the practice field, located just behind Denison High School, which is at 1901 S. Mirick in Denison.

Learning that the wall was coming to Denison sent me on a quest for other war memorials in Grayson, Cooke, Fannin, Bryan and Collin Counties. I didn't find all of them, probably overlooked some that were right under my nose, but looking for them and thinking about the uncommon valor that each represented was a life affirming experience.

If you and your family go looking for the memorials described on page 14 and following, I hope you will come away from the experience with a renewed sense of the sacrifices that others have made to make it safe for you to travel freely, to speak freely, to read whatever you choose to read, to attempt any job you want to do. I hope you will think what it means to be free.



The Moving Wall - in Spencerport, NY.
photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.



The moving wall - set up and ready for visitors.
photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.



What's Cookin...

Texoma Montage

By Lana Rideout

Cooking During Wartime

War time is a difficult time for all involved: the soldiers on the battlefield and the family members back home.

The Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 just as Americans were coming out of the Great Depression. People were used to doing without and making do with what they had. They were used to sharing with others.

The folks back home did all they could to get those American soldiers back home. They participated in scrap iron drives; they rationed gas and many food items such as sugar and eggs.

One creation of the time was a sweet treat known as the "Eggless, Milkless, Butterless Cake" also known as the Depression Cake.

Eggless, Milkless, Butterless Cake

- 2 Cups Brown Sugar
- 2 Cups HOT Water
- 2 Tablespoons. Shortening
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- 1 Teaspoon Baking Soda
- 1 Package Seedless Raisins
- 1 Teaspoon Cinnamon
- 1 Teaspoon Cloves
- 3 Cups Flour (Sifted)
- 1 Teaspoon HOT Water

Boil together the Sugar, Water, Shortening, Salt, Raisins and Spices for five minutes. When Cold, add the Flour and the Soda (dissolved in a tsp of Hot Water). This makes two loaves--Bread Pan Size.

Bake in 325F oven for about 45 minutes. This Cake is of good texture and keeps moist for some time. Note: You can Ice this cake with your choice of Icing.

My friend Betty Weaver of Sherman was 10 when the U.S. entered WWII. She remembers her mom baking this cake usually at Thanksgiving and Christmas. She would store it in an old pressure cooker, wrapped in waxed paper and a heavy towel (trying to hide it from the children). Betty says the cake is a favorite at her family reunions and usually sells for upward of \$40. Her recipe calls for lard, but she uses canola oil which makes for a very moist cake.

In researching this recipe, I found several versions: Some use brown sugar and others white sugar. Spices include nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves, and/ or allspice. One recipe said that 1 cup of nuts adds flavor to the cake.

During WWII people on farms did better than some of the city folks since farms had chickens for a steady supply of eggs. Also vegetables grown in the gardens were plentiful. On the farms and in the towns lots of folks grew "victory gardens" – vegetables they could eat or can.

Although sugar was rationed, folks on the farm who did their own canning were allowed more sugar.

My Dad served in the Army and was overseas in England when I was born just two weeks before D-Day – June 6, 1944. My Mom was living with her parents in Fort Worth; all of them were praying for a speedy end to the war and the safe return of their loved ones.

Another recipe used during World War II is the Spam and Egg Sandwich - good any time of day--breakfast, lunch, dinner, or midnight snack!

WWII Spam and Egg Sandwich

- 1 Tablespoon butter
- 2 Tablespoons finely

- chopped onion
- 1 Slice fully cooked luncheon meat (e.g. Spam)
- 1 Egg, beaten
- 2 Slices bread
- 1 Slice American cheese (optional)
- 1 Slice tomato (optional)

Melt butter in a small skillet over medium-high heat. Saute the onion in butter until soft. Mash up the slice of luncheon meat with a fork, and add it to the skillet. Cook for 2 or 3 minutes, until browned. Pour the egg into the skillet so that it covers all of the meat and onion. Cook until firm, then flip to brown the other side.

Place the egg and meat onto one slice of the bread and top with cheese and tomato if desired. Place the other piece of bread on top. Bread can also be toasted first.)

I also did a little research on recipes from the American Civil War or the "War Between the States." From some of the websites I visited, it looks like some folks are still fighting that one. While no one advocates a return to slavery, the issue of states' rights versus the federal government is a hot issue in many southern political discussions.

My great-great-grandfather on my mother's side was a plantation overseer in Tennessee. He was off serving in the Confederate Army when his daughter was born near the end of the war. I remember my great-grandmother. She died when I was six and I still remember receiving hugs from her. Her daughter, my mother's mother told me many stories about the family members.

During the Civil War, soldiers on both sides carried an item called hard tack. It is a simple cracker made of flour, salt and water. They could be very hard and some soldiers called them "tooth dullers" or "sheet iron crackers." The soldiers softened them by soaking them in their coffee, frying them in bacon grease, or crumbling them in soup.

Hard Tack

- 1 Cup Flour
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- Water

Mix the flour and salt with just enough water to bind the ingredients. Flatten the dough to about ¼ inch thick on a cookie sheet. Cut into 3 inch by 3 inch squares. Pierce with 16 holes about ½ inch apart. Bake at 400 degrees F. 20-25 minutes.

Another popular recipe during the Civil War time is Southern Johnny Cake – a cornbread variation good with your favorite beans or stew.

Southern Johnny Cake

- 2 Cups Cornmeal
- 2/3 Cup Milk
- 2 Tablespoons Lard (Vegetable Oil)
- 2 teaspoons Baking Soda
- ½ teaspoon Salt

Mix into a stiff batter and form into 8 biscuit-sized "dodgers." Bake on a lightly greased cookie sheet at 350 degrees F 20-25 minutes or spoon batter into hot cooking oil in a frying pan over flame. Optional: spread with a little butter or molasses for a real southern treat.

As a part of this new magazine, I will be sharing recipes and stories with you. If you have recipes or ideas you would like to share, contact me at lanarideout@texomamontage.com or call 903/532-6012.



WW II Ration Book and Stamps were needed for many of the necessities.

Betty Weaver of Sherman found this one-piece metal tube cake pan in an antique store. It was made by E. Katzinger Co. of Chicago (date unknown) and printed on the bottom of the pan is the following: "Swan's Down Cake Flour Makes Better Cakes." On each side of the pan is a movable vent so the cake won't sweat and to aid with removal of the cake. Does anyone know the date it was made or have other information?

Texoma Remembers Its Heroes

Bryan, Collin, Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties all have monuments honoring their veterans who gave their lives in support of our great nation. While we know that we have missed some, we have tried to give good examples from each county.

by Dorothy N. Fowler

“This will be a lead pipe cinch,” I said to myself. “After all, this is the place where everywhere you look there is an MIA flag and there is more red, white and blue than any place you’ve ever been. You’ll be able to find dozens of war memorials in Grayson, Cooke, Fannin, and Bryan Counties.”

Thus armed, with more enthusiasm and optimism than information, it seemed to me to be good sense to start at home on the quest for photographs and information about memorials to men and women who have died serving the United States in any one of its last eight major wars. Named, those wars include the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq the First and Iraq the Second.

It seemed equally good sense to start the quest by visiting the VFW in Sherman to talk with people who had been combatants in one or more of those wars. Surely those folks would have a special interest in war memorials.

VFW Post 481-2772 Sherman, Texas

If anyone in the main room at Sherman’s VFW is watching or listening to the wall mounted television set, it isn’t obvious on this wintry Thursday night.

Nearly all the people present are men. One woman is a server behind the bar and at 7:30 or so, another woman comes in and joins a group at a large round table. It isn’t clear whether she is a member of the auxiliary or a veteran, but whatever her status, it is clear from her reception that she is well-liked. The easy conversation at the table continues, punctuated by soft, well-controlled laughter.

The men at the table with me are Henry Salisbury, Doyle Sloan and Jessie Goodman. Later in the evening, Franklin “Andy” Anderson joins us.

Salisbury is the memorial chairperson for VFW Post 481-2772 and is a past commander of the post. He’s an army veteran of the Vietnam War. He arrived there in 1968 just in time for the TET offensive. He was there through 1969.

Sloan, nicknamed “Mr. VFW” by his comrades, fought in World War II, Korea and Viet Nam. Salisbury says Sloan has held nearly every office possible in the local VFW.

Anderson, a Vietnam veteran, and chaplain of the post, is personable as he pours his Sprite. He provides snippets of information about how VFW members went about building the war memorial in Sherman’s Fairview Park.

It is clear that these men, along with the other people in the room, and the hundreds of thousands of men and women who have shared the experiences unique to war, are living memorials. But they are not interested in being living memorials. People die, they say. Families get separated. Kids either don’t remember or don’t care about the role their parents played in wars. The only way to be sure that future generations remember is to build memorials of granite and cement, to inscribe the names of the dead in stone.

“It’s a shame it took so long to get the memorial for World War Two,” Salisbury says. “I don’t think we can do enough to honor the people who serve their country, especially the ones who paid the ultimate price and didn’t come back.”

The other men nod agreement.

Doyle Sloan says the most recent memorial in Sherman is at Fairview Park. “H. K. Lyde was instrumental in getting it started. He was the Grayson County Council Commander and he wanted the VFW, the American Legion, the AmVets and the DAV to be involved in building it. About 10 years ago the veterans organizations raised about \$40,000 and combined it with lots of manual labor to build that softball field and the granite monuments.”

It’s the same with most war memorials, they say. It’s a dream that starts with one or maybe a few people and they work at raising the money for a memorial that has to be placed somewhere. Someone has to design it. Someone has to raise the money to pay for it. Someone has to navigate the myriads of red tape with local, state and sometimes the national government before the monument can be built. Someone has to plan the dedication ceremony, arrange for the speakers, the music if there is to be any.

These men have done all those things and helped others do them. Each year on special days, they visit the memorials, lay wreaths or light candles, leading the public as they remember their wars and the wars of fathers and grandfathers.

They do much more, working to improve the lives of veterans who are facing hard times, visiting veterans confin-ed to nursing homes, taking people to the nearest veterans hospitals for their check-ups, working with young people in the community.

“May I take some pictures?” I ask. There is a moment of hesitation.

“Most reporters want to take a picture of someone sitting at the bar, drinking,” Salisbury says. “But we’d like to have our picture taken with the national award the post won for its work on Poppy Day.”

“That’s just the picture we want,” I say.

“Thanks.”

“Wow! What nice people and what a treat to meet them,” I thought as I made my way through the parking lot to my maroon pickup. “They’ve given me two new ideas and the location of a war memorial that must be pretty close to brand new in Gainesville. If the weather holds, I can visit the memorials in Sherman, go to Gainesville and Bonham the next day and into Bryan County the next.

The weather did not hold. Rain and cold were the order of the day for the next two weeks. I had surgery on my right foot and the ensuing swelling kept me out of the pickup except for the brief ride to the doctor’s office for follow-up.

Undiscouraged, I went to the Internet, typing in war memorials Grayson County Texas, war memorials, Fannin County Texas, war memorials Bryan County Oklahoma, war memorials Cooke County Texas.

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Doyle Sloan, Henry Salisbury, and Jessie Goodman stand in front of the VFW Post 481-2772 Poppy Project Award.

Photo by Dorothy Fowler

Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

Texoma Montage

The notice that the search engine had found thousands of bits of information about war memorials in each of the counties was misleading, at best. The truth was that there was a plethora of information about the subject of war memorials and that there were a few privately produced reminiscences about coming home from WWII, but there was almost nothing about war memorials in general and nothing at all about war memorials in any of the counties included in the question.

Questions to local historians elicited interest in the project, but no new information. "I guess you already know about Ely Park," one Austin College professor said. "And there's that newer one at Fairview Park. Those are the only ones I know anything about."

"What about the statue on the courthouse lawn?" I asked.

"I thought you wanted to know about memorials for men and women who died in the service of the United States," he replied. "That's a monument to men who died in service to the Confederate States of America. If you want to broaden your search, you'll find many more monuments to the soldiers of the Confederacy than to the soldiers of the United States."

Ely Park World War II Memorial

At first glance on this almost balmy February Sunday afternoon, Sherman's Ely Park, bordered on the east by Rusk Avenue, on the north by Steadman, on the west by Austin and on the south by Moore, looks like the kind of family-friendly park one might find anywhere in the country.

There is a softball diamond on the northeast end, a big covered picnic pavilion on the south, typical playground equipment nearby and in between, a vast expanse of grass.

The abundance of crepe myrtle trees, planted at regular intervals around the perimeter of the park are a bit unusual, considering the sparse plantings in the rest of the park. Closer inspection indicates they are unique, for each of the 72 trees flanks a small white concrete marker that bears the name of one of the 72 men from Sherman who died during World War II.

Also on the markers is the birth year and the death year of the man commemorated by the marker. Most were in their late teens or 20s. A few were older. About one-third of the 72 died in 1944-45, which makes me wonder if they were part of the D-Day invasion or perhaps part of the Battle of the Bulge.

Beyond their names, which are also inscribed on a plaque placed on the west side of the park as part of an Eagle Scout project, there is no information at the park. However, people who are looking for more information might find it at the Sherman Public Library, which has a fine genealogy section and which also maintains excellent newspaper files.

On Memorial Day and Veterans Day and other national holidays, veterans groups and others place flags and flowers beside each marker.

The location of the park, bounded as it is by neat, well-kept houses that look as if they belong to blue collar workers, adds to the poignancy of the markers, for it's likely that most of the men whose names are on the stones lived in neighborhoods much like this one.

It takes about 15 minutes to walk the perimeter of the park if you stop to read the names and to think about how young were the people memorialized there.

Fairview Park War Memorial

In late winter, almost warm but not yet early spring, two of the three flags at the Liberty Memorial Garden in Sherman, Texas, crackles in the southwest wind.

The stars and stripes and the dark flag bearing the acronyms MIA and POW straight out from the poles from which they are suspended. The top of the third flag, the Texas flag, worked itself loose from the hooks that should have held it, leaving it drooping, hanging only by the lower grommets.

There is no way a passerby could repair the damage. The poles are state-of-the-art, with the mechanism that raises and lowers the flags locked behind plates in the substantial poles. People who frequent the park have no doubt that the flag will be back in its proper place before sunset.

Local veterans organizations are proud of the memorial they built with what one of them described as "an excess of sweat" after they raised \$40,000 to build the monument.

The monument is roughly in the center of a giant park complex bordered on the east by Ricketts Street and on the north by Taylor Street. It is in a place that is strangely quiet, even when families with their children are on the playground equipment across the park road and east of the monument. Soccer players, on the field immediately east and north of the monument do not make enough noise to be heard.

Two well-maintained park benches provide places for visitors to sit and examine the memorial, which consists of four gray marble stones on which the names of every man or woman in Grayson County who died in World War II, Korea, or the Vietnam War carved. There is also a list of MIA's.

Two hundred and forty men from Grayson County died in action during World War II, 26 in Korea and 26 in Vietnam. The names of the five MIA's are at the end of the list.



Ely Park



Ely Park



Fairview Veterans Stadium

Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

Members of the local veterans' organizations are always on the alert for the names of men and women they might have overlooked when the memorial was first erected. Several names are obviously new, their black outlines much darker than the names that were part of the original monument.

The names of the dead are inscribed on four slabs of granite, each about five feet tall and set in concrete. The granite slabs face each other. On the north, a fifth granite slab bears the names of each branch of the United States armed forces. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the Coast Guard are there, along with the names of local veterans organizations that helped build the memorial. They include the Order of the Purple Heart, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled Veterans and the American Legion.

The monument is open every day of the year. Because it is near the park, it's a good place to bring a picnic on days when the weather is good.

Confederate Monument on Grayson County Courthouse Grounds

Thirty-one years after the United States Civil War ended 20,000 people gathered on the northeast corner of the block where the Grayson County Court house stands in Sherman to witness the dedication of the first Confederate monument erected in Texas.

An article in the Sherman newspaper, dated April 21, 1897, said "(the statue) represents not only the confederate dead who are sleeping in West Hill (the oldest cemetery in Sherman), but those who are sleeping from *Gettysburg to the Rio Grande, from Missouri to the Atlantic Seaboard.*"

The monument is 45 feet tall, including the six foot statue of a Confederate infantryman standing at parade rest and gazing toward the north east. Most of the monument is made of light gray granite mined from Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, Georgia. The blocks that bear the inscriptions came from quarries at Lexington, near Atlanta.

Ironically, the statue of the soldier, which is crafted of a material characterized as "white bronze," was created in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

In 1996, under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy, the monument was rededicated.

The inscriptions on the sides of the base are typical of the prose of the Victorian age in general and Southerners in particular.

One of them reads, "*And the fame of that nameless nation on history's page shall shine as our heroes' grand oblation in our hearts has found a shrine.*"

Another reads, "*Sacred to the memory of our Confederate dead: true patriots. They fought for home and country. For the holy principles of self government—the only true liberty. Their sublime self-sacrifice and unsurpassed valor will teach future generations the lessons of high born patriotism, of devotion to duty, of exalted courage, of southern chivalry. History has enshrined them immortal.*"

Three Texas historical markers are clustered near the monument. One of them tells the story of Grayson County. Another tells of the exploits of the Ninth Texas Cavalry, which started with about 1,000 men and by war's end had only 110. The third tells the story of the 11th Texas Cavalry.

Because the soldier is perched so high on the shaft of the monument, it's not possible to see him in detail without binoculars, but you do get the feeling of just how important it still is to many people to have him there, overlooking the business at the intersection of Travis and Lamar 140 years after his war was lost.

For visitors who want to just sit for awhile, the citizens of Grayson County provided benches in honor of much-loved Grayson County Judge Horace Groff when he retired and re-entered life as a private citizen in 2002.

The Union Soldier at Fairview Cemetery in Denison, Texas

An eternal flame honoring veterans of all wars burns near Katy Depot in Denison, but the most impressive and surprising monument stands north of the city, in the northwest corner of Fairview Cemetery.

The existence of a monument honoring Union soldiers may be the best kept secret in Grayson County. A quick survey of 10 lifelong residents of Grayson County netted 10 people who not only didn't know it exists, but also doubted that it does.

The monument, which is 15 feet, six inches tall, includes a five foot square base. It appears to have been made of limestone. The statue of the Union Infantryman wears a cap, a coat, brogans and other items typical of soldiers of his era. He is carrying a rifle that may have been a Springfield rifle.

Dan Bray, who wrote a local history that included a chapter on the Union soldier, speculated that the statue itself was made of pre-cast concrete and had been cast in four separate castings.

He also noted that the gaze of the statue, which faces southeast, intersects at some point with the gaze of the Confederate soldier on the Grayson County Courthouse lawn.

The inscription on the south side of the base reads:

**G. A. R.
1906
Erected by
Nathaniel Lyon
Post No 5
Department of Texas
In Memory of
the Loyal Soldiers
and Sailors**

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Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

Texoma Montage

Six Union soldiers are buried just to the west of the statue. Each headstone bears the name of the soldier buried there and the federal shield. Information provided by the cemetery says that several Union soldiers are buried throughout the cemetery, each identified by a federal shield on the headstone.

After visiting and photographing war memorials in Sherman and Denison, I turned east, toward Cooke County and the monument to veterans of 20th Century wars. On the way, I stopped in Whitesboro, a small town about half way between Sherman and Gainesville on Highway 82.

In Whitesboro, at the intersection of Highway 56 and Main Street, students from Whitesboro High School maintain an informal and surprisingly touching memorial. It is nothing more than an open space on the northwest corner, but the corner is filled with American flags and tied to a post nearby are tattered yellow bows and ribbons.

“There used to be a lot more ribbons and bows,” a man who works in a nearby building says. “But they got pretty torn up and I think the kids took some of them down and haven’t put up replacements yet.”

Dozens of such monuments may exist in small towns across the nation and where you find them, it’s a good thing to stop and think about what they mean.

The War Memorial at Frank Buck Park, Gainesville, Texas

A big renovation project makes it difficult to get access to the war memorial in Gainesville.

The renovation is to the small zoo and the park that holds it and has nothing to do directly with the war memorial, but signs denying access to park roads and parking can confuse the faint of heart. But faint heart ne’er won anything much, so I went into the park on a road clearly marked “Construction Workers Only,” and found at the end of the lane, not only construction workers, but also a good many park visitors.

Where I needed to be, however, was at the entrance to the park, so I turned the pickup around, threaded my way through the traffic and parked on the shoulder of the highway so I could walk up the steps to the newest of the war memorials that I visited.

The Stars and Stripes hold center stage at the monument. To the left of the pole, a large marble slab holds the names of those killed in the service of the United States in World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Like the similar monument in Sherman, there are recent additions to the original list, which was dedicated in 1996.

War Memorials in Fannin County, Texas

If there were other memorials in Cooke County, no one could tell me where they were, although everyone seemed familiar with the one at Frank Buck Park, so I turned east, to drive back through Grayson County and into Fannin County to the county seat, Bonham.

A police officer in Bonham told me the only war memorials he knew about in Bonham were on the courthouse square. “I guess there might be some out at the VA hospital, but I don’t remember seeing any,” he said.

Bonham’s courthouse square is typical of every courthouse square in North Texas, surrounded as it on four sides by businesses of almost every stripe, but it does have something that most squares don’t have: a statue of the man for whom the county was named.

The metal representation of James Butler Bonham wears boots with spurs, carries a hat and a powder horn and over his left shoulder, there’s a strap that supports a pouch. If the statue looks like Bonham, Bonham was a handsome fellow.

There are two inscriptions on the base of the statue. One of them provides a brief biography of Bonham. The other reads: “*At the call of his boyhood friend William Barrett Travis, He came to Texas in 1835 and engaged in the war for independence as aide and messenger for Travis. He was faithful unto death at the Alamo March the sixth 1836.*”

Bonham’s statue is the only one I found that made mention of Texas’ war for independence from Mexico.

The other memorial, a statue of a Confederate soldier, is on the northwest corner of the courthouse. The soldier is not nearly so high as the one in Sherman, but it is still too high to permit viewers to make out details clearly without binoculars.

Inscriptions on each face of the base, however, are for the most part, quite clear.

The inscription on the east face reads: *Battles fought, 2242. Total enlistment Confederate Army 600,000. Total enlistment United States Army 2,278,304. Federal Prisoners captured by Confederates 270,000. Confederate prisoners captures by federals 270,000. Co. E 11th/TX CAV and Co. F 11th TX CAV.*

On the south face, between crossed sabers are the words from 1861 to 1865. Below are the following words: “*They fought for principle, their homes, and those they loved. On fame’s eternal camping ground, Their silent tents are spread, and Glory guards, with solemn round, The bivouac of the dead.*”

On the west face, below the bold, black letters Confederate, are these words:

“*To the Confederate soldiers who sacrificed their lives for a just cause This monument is lovingly dedicated by the daughters of the Confederacy aided by the Confederate Veterans Association of Fannin County.*”

On the north face are the words: “*The great war/un-rivaled in history for bravery, gallantry, daring and dash. E Anderson, AD 190 (perhaps 5)*”

From the court- house square, I went to the VA hospital, but found no statues dedicated to the servicemen and servicewomen who seek treatment for their wounds and their illnesses there.

While I was looking for memorials in Bonham, my colleague Dale Rideout was in another part of Fannin County, in Leonard, where he found two memorials. Both of them are dedicated to all veterans of all wars.

One of the memorials is located near the center of town. On both front and back of a granite slab, the citizens of Leonard, who maintain both memorials, have had engraved the names of all service personnel from the town who have died in the service of their country.

Rideout says the memorials includes the names of veterans from the Civil War through Vietnam.

The other memorial is at the cemetery.

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On the same day he visited the cemeteries in Leonard, Dale also visited cemeteries in Collin County. He found a variety of memorials, including the gravesite of John Abston (1761-1856), a soldier in the American Revolution.

Abston is buried in the Old Belew cemetery, near the city of Lavon.

Rideout also visited the cemetery at Farmersville, where he found Freedom Plaza, a memorial that includes a granite slab on which are engraved the names of "*Farmersville heroes (who) died to keep the torch of freedom burning.*" The names of veterans of World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam are listed on the slab.

At the bottom are words attributed to Audie Murphy, "*The real heroes of the war are those who never came home.*"

The memorial was dedicated in 1998 by the community of Farmersville.

Pecan Grove Cemetery McKinney, Texas

In the Pecan Grove Cemetery, Dale found a granite marker engraved with the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy and the names of all Civil War veterans buried in the Pecan Grove Cemetery. A historical marker in the Pecan Grove Memorial Park "*commemorates the courageous and compassionate pioneer men and women of this vicinity.*"

It mentions in particular Dr. James Webb Throckmorton, who was a Texas legislator during the 18950's, a brigadier general in the Confederate Army, Governor of Texas from 1866-1867 and a member of Congress intermittently between 1875 and 1888.

In the same cemetery there is a medallion, dedicated in 1970, dedicated "*To those who served for freedom's just cause.*"

In McKinney, Dale found a granite marker "*Dedicated in honor the men and women who served in the Armed Forces of our country.*"

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, William H. L. Well Camp #1588, dedicated a marker to Confederate soldiers in Plano in 2000.

Fort Washita

There are probably other memorials in North Texas that we overlooked, but it wasn't because Dale and I didn't try to find them all. As soon as I was through with the Texas side of Texoma, I went looking in Oklahoma.

Lifelong residents of Durant told me they didn't know of any monuments, but directed me to Ft. Washita, about 18 miles west and north of Durant.

"It isn't really a war memorial, I guess," one man said. "There aren't any statues or anything out there. But in another way it's better than statues or plaques because you can almost hear the way it was when it was a fort."

Restoring the fort, which is on Oklahoma State Highway 199, is a work in progress. The fort office, made from a building that once was officers' quarters, is complete and so is a barracks building across the road and to the south. Several smaller buildings are also in good repair.

One of the major barracks buildings is in ruins, however. It is covered by vines with branches thick enough to be tree branches.

Two burial grounds are on the fort grounds. The post burial ground is at the north end of the road into the fort. It is an active cemetery. On the day I was there, flowers from a recent funeral were still fresh on the mound of red earth that covered the grave. A visitor told me she had "put my husband here two years ago."

The other burial ground is inactive, but it is well kept. The Stars and Bars flies from a low flag pole there and there is a marker telling visitors that 200 unknown Confederate soldiers are buried there.

Ft. Washita, which was established in 1842 to keep peace among the Indians and white settlers, was abandoned by the federals in 1861 and was used by Confederate troops until the Civil War ended in 1865.

It has a resident ghost, Aunt Jane, who is listed among the prominent ghosts of the frontier.

Each of these places is worth a visit. A little planning would make it possible to visit several memorials in the same day and get home before dark. It would be a good thing, if you're interested in history or you want to teach your kids to be proud of their heritage, to set aside a day every now and then to visit one or more of them.

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*editing stories and books for publication

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*Chautauqua programs on Dr. Gideon Lincecum (1793-1874), pioneer Texas scientist and physicist

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Telling Our Stories

DINNER FOR THE MINISTER

by Ruby Frizzell Draisey of Bonham

It was one of those awful years during World War II. We were all subservient to "The War Effort", and we were convinced that it would be unethical to complain, under the circumstances.

Since Betty and I had married cousins, both of whom were serving their country in the armed forces, we determined to live together "For the Duration."

Betty was a devout person, I attended the community church with her. The minister, living alone, was an admirable gentleman whom we considered to be in the category of the elderly. Betty, devoted to the church, had a wild idea. She suggested to me that we invite the minister to a Saturday, early-evening dinner. We did. Because of the "War Effort", we all worked six days a week. By the greatest happenstance, she and I expected to be free at noon on that certain Saturday.

We checked our ration books and found meat was a possibility. A trip to the neighborhood grocery market was reasonably productive. The meat looked good, and we were able to get enough for three servings. Sugar was in very short supply, but we were able to get one pound. We would be able to make a little custard or pudding. At the right time, the gentleman arrived. We were not at all embarrassed about the fact that our tiny apartment was so unpretentious. Anyone who was able to acquire more than one room during that period was happy.

After our greetings, we sat at our little table and prepared to enjoy a delightful meal. The minister politely asked us about our husbands and we told him what we knew, although the actual location of any of the military men was a secret.

I was having difficulty cutting my meat. I glanced at Betty and found her having no less trouble. At last, I hacked off a bit, but masticating it was another problem. I looked at the minister's plate.

He was pretending. The conversation continued.

The War Effort always offered subjects for discussion. I repeated the story my husband had told. In England, where there was no ice, the bartender would sally forth with the jolly admonition, "Drink 'er up, Boys, afore she gets cold!" We laughed. We tried the meat again. We were having no luck.

Betty told of an experience concerning her brother and sister-in-law. The couple wished to drive to another town 120 miles distant so the young lady could visit her ailing mother. Their tires were bald, and buying gasoline was a near impossibility, but the young man thought he could manage. Betty ended the tale by revealing that the couple had experienced six flat tires before arriving back home. She laughed. Our hesitation was hardly noticeable as we joined her.

"Well, maybe the war will be over soon," the minister offered. We were all worrying with the meat. Betty wondered aloud about it and I made a remark.

"You know what I think?" the minister said. "I think this is horse meat!"

"Horse meat!" Betty and I gasped in consternation.

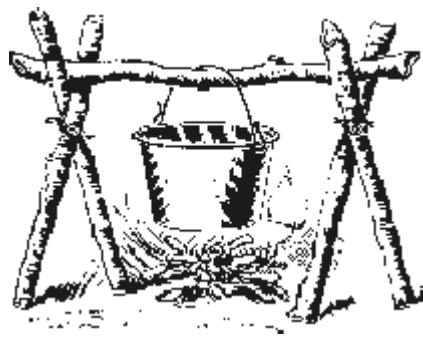
"Yes. It's on the market, now, you know. It's not labeled, and it's difficult to distinguish it from steak."

Sure enough, we had fed the minister a dinner of horse meat.



Ruby Frizzell Draisey

Cookin' Out



Dutch Ovens and Dump Cake

by Dale Rideout

I have enjoyed cooking since I was a very young boy. It is a real treat to hear others comment about my cooking, when it is a success. If it turns out to not be the success I hoped for, then I can take the heat.

Cooking outside is especially rewarding. You can cook over an open fire, over a grill, use the fancy propane cookers of various types, or just put a hot dog on a stick and roast it. My favorite is using cast iron Dutch ovens for cooking. You can prepare just about anything in the Dutch ovens, and with a collection of several sizes you can accomplish some great feats of culinary delight.

Do not start out with a brand new utensil. A new Dutch oven needs to be properly seasoned or it just won't do the job intended. A new oven is covered with a waxy type of material to protect it from rusting. This must be thoroughly washed off with soap and water. Rinse it well, and quickly dry it. Your oven will rust very quickly if you do not use care.

Now you must coat your Dutch oven with salad oil, Crisco, or lard using a cotton cloth. Make sure the entire oven, inside and out, including the lid are coated with your shortening. Now put it in your home oven, with the temperature set for 350 degrees. Be careful on you timing for this because there will probably be a slightly unpleasant odor, along with some smoke. You wouldn't want to do this when planning a formal party for friends. "Cook" that oven for one hour. Turn the oven off, and when your Dutch oven has cooled, but still warm, wipe it again to make sure the oil film covers all all surfaces. Your oven will now be a golden color, and is ready to use.

Do not wash you Dutch oven with strong soapy water, or you will need to re-season it. Clean it with a very mild soap, or plain water.

The more you use your oven the better. It will develop a dark color with use, even turning black. It will have a surface that is almost stick proof. Store you Dutch oven in a warm, dry place. Put a sheet of paper towel or newspaper in the oven to absorb any moisture that may get in, and keep the lid slightly ajar.

Cooking with your Dutch oven is easy. Temperatures are controlled by counting the charcoal briquettes used. You will need to experiment some, but a general rule of thumb is to multiply the diameter of your oven by 2 to get the number of briquettes to use for a 350 degree oven temperature. When you do your cooking use more coals on top and fewer on the bottom. This chart will help get started.

8 inch oven - 10 briquettes on top – 6 briquettes on bottom.
10 inch oven - 12 briquettes on top – 8 briquettes on bottom.
12 inch oven - 14 briquettes on top – 10 briquettes on bottom.
14 inch oven - 16 briquettes on top – 12 briquettes on bottom.
16 inch oven - 18 briquettes on top – 14 briquettes on bottom.

Two additional briquettes, one on top and one on the bottom will increase the temperature by about 25 degrees.

Dump Cake

A favorite dessert of mine is quite simple. In the Boy Scouts we call it Dump Cake, because all you need do is dump the ingredients into your Dutch oven. You will need:

¼ pound butter or margarine

1 can pie filling (any flavor you like, apple, cherry, etc.)

1 box cake mix (again any flavor, yellow or white works great.)

Do not mix. Just Dump the ingredients into your Dutch oven and cook 30 minutes to 45 minutes. You can add cinnamon, nuts, brown sugar, pats of butter, etc to the top for extra special effects. This is easily doubled or more just by adding more of each ingredient.

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Southern Algebra

We are sick and tired of hearing about how dumb people are in the South. We challenge any so-called smart Yankee to take this exam administered by the University of Mississippi Engineering Department. (Well, maybe/maybe not. Who knows?)

1. Calculate the smallest limb diameter on a persimmon tree that will support a 10-pound possum.
2. Which of these cars will rust out the quickest when placed on blocks in your front yard? A '65 Ford Fairlane, a '69 Chevrolet Chevelle or a '64 Pontiac GTO
3. If your uncle builds a still which operates at a capacity of 20 gallons of shine produced per hour, how many car radiators are required to condense the product?
4. A woodcutter has a chainsaw which operates at 2700 RPM. The density of the pine trees in the plot to be harvested is 470 per acre. The plot is 2.3 acres in size. The average tree diameter is 14 inches. How many Budweisers will be drunk before the trees are cut down?
5. If every old refrigerator in the state vented a charge of R-12 simultaneously, what would be the percentage decrease in the ozone layer?
6. A front porch is constructed of 2x8 pine on 24-inch centers with a field rock foundation. The span is 8 feet and the porch length is 16 feet. The porch floor is 1-inch rough sawn pine. When the porch collapses, how many hound dogs will be killed?
7. A man owns a house and 3.7 acres of land in a hollow with an average slope of 15%. The man has five children. Can each of his grown children place a mobile home on the man's land and still have enough property for their electric appliances to sit out front?
8. A 2-ton truck is overloaded and proceeding 900 yards down a steep slope on a secondary road at 45 MPH. The brakes fail. Given average traffic conditions on secondary roads, what is the probability that it will strike a vehicle with a muffler?
9. A coalmine operates a NFPA Class 1, Division 2 Hazardous Area. The mine employs 120 miners per shift. An explosive gas warning is issued at the beginning of the 3rd shift. How many cartons of unfiltered Camels will be smoked during the shift?
10. At a reduction in the gene pool variability rate of 7.5% per generation, how long will it take a town which has been bypassed by the Interstate to produce a country-western singer?

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Turkey Vultures

Turkey Vultures are plentiful here in North Texas. They make their roost in groups as the evening approaches. This tree has been serving for several years as the night resting place for this group. In the morning these birds will spread their wings to dry in the sun before departing on their day's activity of cleaning up the environment of dead and dying critters. You will often see them individually or in groups of two or three on the roadside cleaning up the roadkill that gets left behind when other animals are not quick enough to make it across the road.

One Vote

This is an election year. Just how important is ONE VOTE? YOUR VOTE? The following facts may astound you, however, they are true.

In 1645, One Vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.

In 1649, One Vote caused Charles 1 of England to be executed.

In 1776, One Vote gave America the English language instead of the German language.

In 1839, One Vote elected Marcus Morton governor of the State of Massachusetts.

In 1845, One Vote brought Texas into the Union.

In 1868, One Vote saved President Andrew Jackson from impeachment.

In 1875, One Vote changed France from a Monarchy to a Republic.

In 1876, One Vote gave Rutherford B Hayes the Presidency of the United States.

In 1923, One Vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership of the Nazi Party.

In 1941, One Vote saved Selective Service twelve weeks before Pearl Harbor.

In 1960, Richard Nixon lost the Presidential election and John F. Kennedy won it by less than One Vote per precinct in the United States.

Dining Out with my Grandson

By Dale Rideout

Of course every grandchild is special. Also each one is unique. Old grandpa loves them all equally but they all have their differences, too. Our experiences with each one make those differences special, as well.

Our first grandchild was a boy. His name is Phillip Jordan Roe. He was born in 1990 and took the place of just about everything of any importance in Papa's life. Jordan's Mom and Dad both worked, so we (Nanny and I) often would get to baby-sit with him. As he grew older he would go everywhere with Papa, and we both enjoyed it.

When Jordan was about two years old, his family moved to San Antonio for four years, then back to Howe. During that four-year time period, Papa did not have the opportunities to take Jordan on the outings we used to take. When he moved back to Howe, he was in school, he had a sister, and there were five other grandchildren who joined the family. All of this slowed down the Jordan and Papa routine of going everywhere together.

This brings us to the story I want to tell you, about eating out. You need the background to help understand the rest. When Jordan was about seven years old I invited him to go with me delivering newspapers. My wife and I own a weekly newspaper and every Wed-nesday it is my job to deliver them to the various stores where they are sold and to various post office locations in about three counties. Jordan liked the idea, so he took off with me for a full day in the car together.

We were getting hungry as it neared dinnertime. I began to ask what he would like to eat, and he said it didn't matter. Well, I knew that he was a little picky about what he eats and didn't want him to get hungry because he couldn't find something he liked.

Our discussion of available menus was somewhat limited because we were approaching Tioga and there were limited choices. I asked Jordan if he liked catfish and he answered with a big "Yes." I told him about the Tioga Catfish Restaurant and asked if he would like to eat there, and again received a "Yes."

Our waitress for the day was Kim Hilliard. She and her husband, James, were the owners of Tioga Catfish Restaurant, and they did an excellent job. The food was always superb, served fresh and tasty. The portions were generous and satisfying. The service was great, anticipating your every need.

I am sure Jordan felt like the "Big Man," eating out with Papa and getting to choose for himself what to order. In fact he placed his own order for the meal. I ordered the fish basket, which included a large serving of fish, lots of french fries, a bowl of red beans, and hush puppies. I chose iced tea for my drink.

Jordan's turn to order came. I tried to explain to him that there was a smaller fish dinner, more to the size of a seven year old, but I let him order what he wanted. Much to my surprise he ordered the same fish basket and iced tea that I had ordered. The little fellow was trying to be just like Papa. I felt flattered, but at the same time remembered again that we should be careful of our actions because there are little eyes watching us all the time. Often they imitate what they see us do.

We sat there enjoying our table conversation. You need to know that Jordan has a certain look when something is going on. It is a grin that differs from his usual grin but is quite unmistakable. He sat there with that grin as our food was served. We began to eat.

I certainly enjoyed my entire meal, as usual when dining at Tioga Catfish Restaurant. Jordan began sampling his fish and did a good job making it disappear. He only nibbled at the hush puppies. The french fries he really enjoyed, though like a seven year old he began to get silly and dipped some of them into his iced tea before eating them. I prefer catsup on mine.

During this whole time, Jordan had that grin on his face. I knew something was up, but just couldn't figure it out. At first I thought he was just really pleased to be eating out with Papa. Finally I ask him why the big smile.

He said, "I fooled you, Papa!"

"What do you mean?" I asked.

Jordan replied, "I've never had catfish before!"

To this day, catfish is still one of Jordan's favorites when he eats out.

Well, that was seven years ago. Jordan is now 14, nearing 15. The Hilliards have bought Clark's Outpost, a fantastic bar-b-cue restaurant in Tioga. For several years they operated both restaurants, but staffing difficulties and increasing competition forced them to close the catfish restaurant.

During our past Christmas holidays I invited Jordan to join me again for a day of newspaper deliver as we had done so many years ago. He readily agreed. The day we set off was icy and snowy. We had storms the day before, and while the weather was much nicer the roads were still a lot of "fun" to negotiate. We stopped a couple of times to help others get out of the ditch. We carefully made the trip, and Jordan served as chief cameraman taking quite a few pictures as a record of our trip.

Lunchtime arrived and we were nearing Tioga. I asked if Jordan likes bar-b-que and he answered, "Yes." Déjà vu all over again.

We entered Clark's and were showed to our seats by a very helpful waitress. The walls are covered with old west memorabilia. One wall has a beautiful mural of a wild west scene. Furnishings are rustic and you feel sort of like you are in a bunkhouse eating your main meal of the day.

Looking over the menu, which has an extensive listing of gourmet foods, we began to make our choices. I took a full rack of ribs, with the deep-fried corn on the cob, cole slaw, and french fries.

This time, Jordan was a little more selective in ordering. After asking about some of the various items, he asked if they had just meat on a bun. I directed him to the brisket sandwich. He ordered a side of french fries to go with it. Again I took iced tea, but Jordan had a soda to drink. We were both more than pleased with our meal. I shared some of my ribs with Jordan so that next time he would know what they were and could try them without worrying if he would like them.

Clark's Outpost slow smokes all their meat. Everything is cooked over hickory from eight hours to 20 or more depending what is being cooked. The meat is tender, falling off the bone and flavorful from the natural smoke. Nothing artificial is added and no shortcuts are taken in making this authentic old time bar-b-que.

Let me know if you plan to make this little trip. Maybe Jordan and I can go along. We sure enjoy the travel and eating.

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Telling Our Stories

REMEMBERING ARMISTICE DAY, 1918

by Jack Frost McGraw

The Jefferson School was located on Chaffin Street in Sherman. Students gathered in the yard, and when they heard a bell, they all ran to see which teacher was standing in the doorway. On a bright November morning in 1918, Miss Knox called her second grade class. We lined up and marched single-file up the steps, down the hall, and into the cloakroom. There we hung up our coats and carried our bookbags into the classroom.

Our opening exercise was a recitation in unison of the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Then we started our reading lesson. On this morning we were interrupted by Miss Evorie, who came in to announce that "the war was over" and we should go home to "celebrate."

I knew what "cele-brate" meant. At our house we celebrated holidays and birthdays all the time. It meant fried chicken and blackberry cobbler and all the aunts and cousins coming in to eat with us. It meant the dining room filled with grown-ups and the children waiting or being served at the kitchen table. It meant deviled eggs and pickles and, if it was a picnic, bread-and-butter sandwiches made from that delicious brown bread.

As I hurried home that morning, I disobeyed a standing rule: I cut through the park and walked by the Interstate Cotton Oil Mill.

Goodness! The whistles were stuck and they kept going off. They were awfully loud, and someone was shooting a gun! It, too, kept going: Bang! Bang! Bang! Then the streetcar came down Grand Avenue and the bell was ringing. The noise around there was really something!

But I hurried on thinking of our celebration. Then when I reached home, I stopped in my tracks. My grandmother was dressed in her Sunday clothes. She was even wearing her hat. How could she fry chicken and make pies dressed like that? What's more, she said, "Put your things away and come with me, we're going to town to celebrate the end of the war."

There was nothing to do but follow instructions. We rode the streetcar with the clanging bell and where we got off at Travis and Lamar streets downtown, we could barely get through the crowds. The big red fire truck pulled by giant horses was coming down the street and Dad Hill was trying to hold the crowd back so they would not be trampled. We work-ed our way down to the bank, where Mother was waiting for us. She said, "We are really going to celebrate" but she took my hand and led me into a big restaurant. The man at the door took us to a table already set with napkins and silver and glasses of water.

I wondered how he knew we were coming and if he could fry chicken. He sure didn't look like he could bake pies. He wore a black suit and a white shirt and his tie was black too. He seemed like maybe he would preach or lead us in prayer. He seemed friendly, though, when he pushed my chair up to the table. Then he left and another man came with big cards. I thought surely this one was going to have a reading class; but Mother talked to him using words I didn't know, like "oyster" and "a-la-mode." I was anxious to get through with this visit so we could go celebrate with maybe a cake and candles to blow out. Pretty soon that last man returned and set some plates of food in front of us. It wasn't chicken or black-eyed peas but Mother said I should taste it and see if I liked it.

It was oysters! That was the most delicious food I'd ever eaten. I ate all of mine and was about to ask for more when Mother said, "Wait a minute! You have a surprise coming." It was pie—cherry pie, my favorite that we rarely had at Grand-mother's house—and on top of it was a big serving of ice cream.

Well, this was a celebration after all. I knew "celebrate" meant a big fancy meal. I just had never eaten fried oysters or pie-a-la-mode before. We really did celebrate Armistice Day, November 11, 1918.

Jack Frost McGraw

Jack Frost (on right) waiting with a friend and her grandmother to ride the trolley to downtown Sherman for the first Armistice Day celebration, Nov. 11, 1918

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